Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Monday, October 10, 2011, the state of South Dakota will celebrate Native Americans' Day; and,

Whereas, South Dakota established Native Americans' Day during the 1989 Legislative Session under the direction of the late Governor George S. Mickelson, who signed a resolution calling for the second Monday of each October to be Native Americans' Day; and,

Whereas, South Dakota has nine federally recognized Native American tribes: Cheyenne River Sioux, Crow Creek Sioux, Flandreau Santee Sioux, Lower Brule Sioux, Oglala Sioux, Rosebud Sioux, Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate, Standing Rock Sioux, and Yankton Sioux; and,

Whereas, South Dakota has the third highest population of Native Americans of any state, behind Alaska and New Mexico; and,

Whereas, Native Americans' Day is dedicated to the remembrance of the great Native American leaders who contributed so much to the history of our state:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 10, 2011, as

NATIVE AMERICANS' DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixth Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eleven.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Judy A. Larson, Exec. Asst.

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State